

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

Inventors: Kuniyuki KAJITA

Art Unit: 2621

Serial No.: 10/814,222

Examiner: J. Couso

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Confirmation No. 5399

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CODING/DECODING

REQUEST AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER MPEP 2001.06(b)  
FOR INDICATION OF CONSIDERATION  
OF PRIOR ART OF RECORD IN PARENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**Attention**  
**Special Application -**  
**Subject to Expedited**  
**Processing**

Dear Sir:

This application was identified in the Preliminary Amendment filed April 1, 2004 as a divisional application of application no. 10/018,658 filed December 21, 2001.

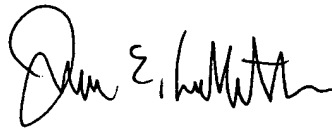
Accordingly, under MPEP 2001.06(b), the examiner is obligated to consider all prior art of record in the parent application and provide an indication in the first office action of whether such prior art has been considered in the divisional application.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statements of June 1, 2004 and November 30, 2004, and the office action of April 5, 2004, all filed in issued in said parent application no. 10/018,658, no such indication as required by MPEP 2001.06(b) has been provided in the first action notice of allowance dated February 3, 2005.

Such a written indication is respectfully requested.

For the convenience of the examiner, copies of the PTO-1449s from the parent application and the PTO-892 from the office action of April 5, 2004 in the parent application are provided herewith. Initialing of these papers is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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